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Seroczynski Proposes At Random Discussion

How would you like to have an informal "At Random" type discussion covering all phases of student life and followed by snacks, records and dancing?

This is essentially what Student Council President Phil Seroczynski has been asking students at the Center. He conceived this plan in order to give students an opportunity to voice their problems, ideas for new activities, and possible solutions to existing problems.

Since the gathering would be strictly off the record, ideas for the improvement of school rules might be expressed in areas where a formal meeting might tend to suppress the desire of some students to voice an opinion.

The administration and faculty would be invited to discuss the various topics which arise, again on an informal basis.

"Scro" has suggested that this assembly take place on a Saturday night in the lounge.

He asks that the students talk it over among themselves and let him know what they think of the idea through their student representatives.

Phil will supply more information later through SHAVINGS.

TRUTH!

Inspiring as my profs have been
To me in my quest for knowledge
I owe a debt

Still greater yet

To the guys who wrote the answers
in

My second hand books at college.
Joann Podkul

Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society To Be Installed at the Center

The administration of St. Joseph's College Calumet Center is making plans for the formation of a chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma, a national honor society. Requirements for membership are: that an applicant must be at least a junior or senior with an accumulative index of 3.00.

It is also open to alumni and faculty members.

The Rev. Edward A. Maziarz C.P.P.S. of Rensselaer campus is now national president. The society had its beginning at Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa in 1938. Since then it has grown to national prominence, with chapters in almost every Catholic college in the United States.

Later this month initiation for new members will take place at Rensselaer. Students at Calumet Center who have expressed interest are: Paul Brinley, 3.88; Ted Mason, 3.76; Virginia Petritis, 3.03; Leonard Czapkowicz, 3.08; and Kathy O'Toole, 3.20. Any one else who is interested and meets the requirements should make an attempt to find out more.

Daily Mass at Noon

Student Retreat Set For March 7

March 7 is the tentative date for a retreat for the students of St. Joseph College Calumet Center. Day time classes will be cancelled, but the night students will meet as usual. Full time, Catholic day students are obliged to attend, and non-Catholics are cordially invited to attend the conferences.

Tentative plans find Mass being offered at nine o'clock, followed by conferences at 10:30, 11:30, 1:15; 2:30, and Benediction at 3:30.

Monsignor Conroy, the Sunday Visitor columnist, will be the retreat master. The retreat will be held in Immaculate Conception church.

Phi Tau Alpha Holds First Meeting Of New Semester

Phi Tau Alpha, formerly known as Future Teachers Club, held its first meeting of 1962 on Feb. 5, in the first floor lounge. Mr. Bernard Melevage, Director of Guidance, and sponsor of the club, explained today there is a demand for teachers in various fields on the elementary and secondary levels.

Mary Kay Mathieson was elected vice-president of the club.

Plans for future activities include a bake sale which will be held sometime during the month of February.

Miss Idajean Wendall, president, said the proceeds from the bake sale will be used to sponsor a dance which will be jointly sponsored by Phi Tau Alpha, the Bowling Club, and the Commerce Club. The date of this dance has not been officially announced; however, it will be sometime in March.

Valentine's Dance Success; Students Await Mardi Gras

Musicians Hall was the scene of the Valentine's Day Dance, co-sponsored by freshmen and sophomore classes on Feb. 10.

The faculty and students were entertained by the music of Little Satan and the Easy Rocks, who proved to be one of the best groups ever to have performed at St. Joe dances. "Never before have I seen a St. Joe dance where the students enjoyed themselves as much as they did at the Valentine's dance," commented Scott Boyett, president of the freshmen class.

The crowd was estimated as the biggest of the year. Not only did St. Joe students attend, but Indiana and Purdue Universities were represented also. Many non-college students were guests or friends of Center students.

The next dance is "Mardi Gras." It falls on March 3, at the end of mid-term week.



DALE WAGNER, seated, is shown teasing some "calorie-counters." Even though there are many "counters" at the Center, the Future Teachers' bake sale was very successful.

Student Council Corner

by LIZ SZELESTEY

Student Council elections are now less than one month away. Students intending to run for a specific office are urged to begin analyzing the duties and qualifications of each position. In considering any office the student should ask himself: Do I really want a public office? Would I make a good leader? Am I qualified? Do I have the time to spare for such an enterprise? If these are answered in the affirmative, **YOU** are the person needed for office.

There are many persons who are indifferent to the school government. That is its weakness. There are many persons who are dissatisfied with the Council. They should strengthen its foundation; instead they chip away at it. Some prevalent objections are: a) the same people do everything; b) the Council has not effectively carried out its responsibilities; c) some committees under the Council exist only on paper; and, d) there is not enough cooperation between the student body and the Council.

These problems do exist, but what is more important is their elimination. It's easy for the average class-attending, lounge-loafing, coffee-drinking student to expound on the blunders being committed by Council officers; but does he offer a solution? Does he present his views at the Council meetings or to his class officers? Would he be willing to run for office and try to "iron out" the difficulties?

Last semester a suggestion box was placed in the upstairs lounge. There were three responses. One is not worth mentioning and neither of the other two was acted upon. Who is to blame? You may as well ask whether it was the chicken or the egg which came first.

St. Joseph's needs fewer talkers and more doers. The real problem seems to lie in the fact that the truly potential leaders are often disregarded in the "popular" election. Many others simply shy away from "politics" because it's "sticky business." Perhaps the election procedure should be changed. At any rate, these are obstacles to be overcome, and anyone with the fortitude to do so is "just the man we're looking for."

To some it may seem that the most unenvied office is that of president of the Student Council. This position, however, can be one of power, respect, and influence. During the school year, the president is to keep all activities running smoothly. He must have his "nose" into every student affair, both on and off campus. Any question posed must be answered on the spot.

Constitutionally the president is bound to these duties: a) "preside at all meetings of the Student Council; b) be the chief executive officer of the Student Union; c) appoint with approval of the Council all standing and extraordinary committees and be *ex officio* member of all these committees."

Phil Seroczynski, 1961-62 president, has made noteworthy strides toward the fulfillment of his obligations. The results of his efforts have been the suggestion box; orientation day; student activities; aid to Parents Club; the Prom; intercollegiate cooperation; and, finally, the March of Dimes basketball game.

In order to qualify for the position of president, a student must have been a member of St. Joseph's for at least two semesters. "He, or she, shall be unobjectionable in character, conduct, and effort. He shall have an academic average of 2.00 for the semester preceding the election and shall be academically a member of the sophomore, junior or senior class, or have completed six semesters of college work" (Constitution, Art. III, Sect. 3).

Meet the Faculty Roving Reporter

One of the busiest men behind the scenes of Saint Joseph's College, Calumet Center, is the Rev. Joseph A. Smolar, C.P.P.S., Dean of Students.

Father Smolar has been an Instructor of anatomy and physiology at Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Gary, and an Instructor of algebra and an Associate Professor of biology at the Calumet Center and the Campus. He has also presented a noted series of talks on the "Biological Aspects of Marriage."

As coordinator of student affairs, he is concerned with college activities outside of academic matters, including health, discipline, scholarship awards, and athletics.

A graduate of Saint Joseph's College, magna cum laude, in 1936, Father Smolar's record reveals that he was a quarterback on the varsity football team and a varsity first baseman for three years.

Ordained a priest in the Society of the Precious Blood in 1942, he was immediately assigned by his superiors to graduate work in science. He acquired the master of science degree from the Institutum Divi Thomae, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1945. While there, he participated in an important government research project devoted to the discovering of sources for materials previously derived from Far Eastern countries and essential to the war effort.

After leaving the campus intermittently for graduate study from 1947 to 1949, Father Smolar received the master of arts degree from Indiana University in 1950.

Father Smolar has had articles published which include "Effects of Tissue Extracts on Growth of Avirulent and Virulent Tubercle Bacilli in Vitro," "Are Your Pupils Other Christs?," and an article in the Catholic Journal of Education.

The Dean of Students has been in his present post as coordinator since 1954, and has kept in touch with the most varied student activities on and off campus. Besides knowledge of the regular academic curriculum, he has had to prepare himself to cope with problems arising in social and recreational activity, public relations, and communications.



Father Smolar

This is another of a series devoted to organizations for the student body.

BOWLING CLUB

PRESIDENT—Wally Keilman
VICE-PRESIDENT — Bob Jennings

TREASURER—Tom Cardis
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN — Miss Mary Strycula

The purpose of the Bowling Club is to help the student maintain physical fitness and at the same time have fun. No one need worry about being a poor bowler especially among our members. The objective is merely enjoyment.

We are at present saving money to award trophies to individual members who are outstanding for their initiative and spirit as well as for their skill.

The club intends to sponsor a dance and assorted activities in the coming months.

We would like to have many new members because we feel it will be possible to do more things and have more fun with a large membership.

Wally Keilman
President

THE CHEERLEADERS—Probably the most active females here at St. Joe's are the cheerleaders. Members of the group are Misses Tris Klaus and Audrey Urbanczyk from the Rensselaer campus, Dianne Miller, Mary Lou Skafish, and yours truly, Bunny Kochis, from the Calumet Center.

Our purpose is to draw out of each and every spectator the spirit needed to help our team to victory. This, of course, is a two-way job in that we lead, and you, as spectators, follow. Therefore, it is imperative that we get your support.

Bunny Kochis
Captain of the Cheerleaders

SHAVINGS—SHAVINGS is the official student newspaper published at St. Joe's Calumet Center. It comes out on Thursday of each week and has just been expanded to six pages. The purpose of SHAVINGS is to keep the faculty and student body up to date on what's happening around the Center, and who's making contributions to the scholastic and social life at St. Joe's.

The editor and the entire staff want the readers of SHAVINGS to know that any new ideas or suggestions for the paper will be very welcome. We want this publication to be representative of our school, so let us hear from you.

Mary Stokes, Staff Member

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Eleven Women Expect To Be In Debt at Time of Graduation

In last week's issue of SHAVINGS, partial results were published of a survey inquiring into the work loads and earning power of students at the Calumet Center. The results concern the questionnaires completed by the women registered at St. Joseph's.

Of 137 girls who submitted forms, only 67 are working and averaging 20 to 30 hours per week. Seventy girls who were employed during the summer saved an average of \$150 during a 10 to 13 week period.

Only 44 female students are married, 11 of whom are employed. It was found that most women live in their parents' home while only 33 live in their own homes.

Parents also seem to be the main source of financial assistance. Only 10 of the 137 girls claimed that they would be in debt following their graduation.

According to those who tabulated the results of the survey, there would appear to be many advantages in attending school full time and not working. By devoting several hours per day or week to a job,

the student delays graduation, and in the long run, say the tabulists, lose money. Having averaged results of males and females it was found that the average student's projected earnings are \$1,806. The total cost of schooling is \$2,160. According to these figures, students attending school and working part time are losing an average of \$354.

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MR. JAMES FATTORE, instructor in Business, is head of the Placement Bureau. If any student is interested in any job offers, he should contact him in room 202.

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For Those Who Think Young

Pepsi Cola

Commerce Club Holds Meeting

by Wally Keilman

On Feb. 14 the Commerce Club held its first meeting of this semester. The minutes were read by Andy Dougherty and approved by the club. The first topic under discussion was the club's proposed field trip to one of the Milwaukee breweries. After due consideration by the officers it was decided to attend the tour at Schlitz. The field trip will be made April 4 (Wednesday). The exact starting time or departure time from school has not been decided upon. The entire club will go by bus from school to the brewery.

Each club member must have his dues paid in order to attend the field trip.

The next object on the agenda was the tentative plans of the Commerce Club, Bowling Club and Future Teachers Club to sponsor a Mardi Gras Dance March 3.

The dance will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Gary at 3031 West Fifth Ave. It will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets sold at school will be \$1 per person and those sold at the door will be \$1.50 per person. The dance will be open to the public.

The committee made up of officers of the three clubs is trying to get "Little Satan and the Easy Rocks" who were such a great hit at the Frosh-Soph sponsored dance held Feb. 10.

The second half of the club's meeting was well absorbed by the feature speaker, Bob Kearney. He gave a report on the "Capitalist Manifest," a most controversial book.

Bob said that the authors of the book attempt to uncover the fallacy that the economy existent in the U.S. today is one of economic free-

dom. Economic liberty they believed concerned the right to earn a living and the authors felt the deciding factor in a free economy is a just distribution of wealth. They believe that a just distribution of wealth should be based on an individual's contribution to the production of wealth.

There are two contributions that an individual can make, labor and capital.

About 90% of the wealth is produced by capital and 10% by labor. But the authors noted that only 30% of the profit is distributed back to capital and 70% to labor. They felt this unjust.

All the fringe benefits and higher wages, etc. that unions are demanding and government taxation and intervention is tending toward socialism.

To remedy this problem the authors felt that more people should become capitalists, that is, contribute more capital rather than labor. In this age of automation more capital is needed than is labor.

Those who would contribute capital wouldn't merely sit back and take in the profits. They would engage in leisure work, that is, work in society, such as working in politics, etc. By this work people could improve its existing institutions. The authors called this the Capitalist Revolution.

How is this to be done?

1. Broaden the ownership of existing enterprises.
2. Encourage the formulation of new capital and the organization of new enterprises owned by the capitalists.
3. Discourage the over concentration of the ownership by households.

This report was met with many questions. You too probably have some questions. If so it would be to your advantage to read this book and get a better view of what our economic future could possibly be.

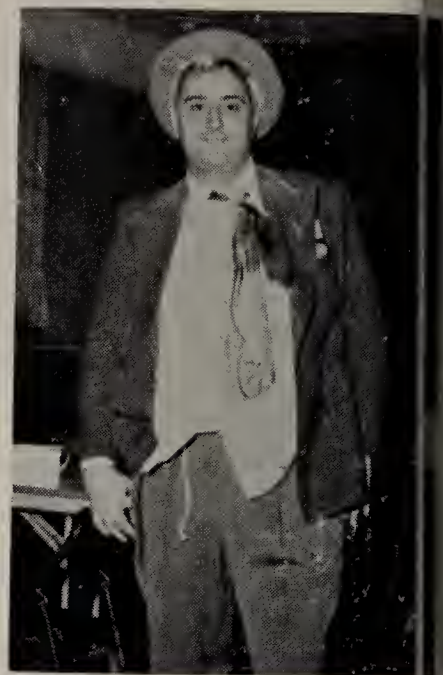
St. Joe's Student Teacher

Our student teacher this week is Kathy O'Toole, a senior at St. Joe's. She is teaching the sixth grade at Elsie Wadsworth grade school in Griffith. Kathy's supervisor is Mr. Kurtz, who she states, "is straightforward with his students, and they respect him for this. He is always ready to answer any question they have. Because of his attitude, students are alert and willing to learn."

Kathy graduated from Griffith High School, after graduation she went on to Rosary College in Chicago for one year. She then came to St. Joe's where she is majoring in elementary education.

After graduating from St. Joe's, Kathy would like to further her education by working on a master's degree at Indiana University during the summer months. Next fall she hopes to get a regular teaching job, and admits that her preference is the intermediate grades.

When asked her opinion what is the principal requirement necessary for a good teacher she answered, "A teacher has to gain self-confidence. Without it, you can't begin teaching the foundations for learning."



JERRY STANO, President of Commerce Club, says this dance is really terrific. But the dance jointly sponsored by his club with the Future Teachers and Bowling Club will be even better. From the look of Jerry, it will be impossible for him to have a better time.

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Seymour Writes Again

After learning from Mr. Lazur that a six page test would be administered on Lincoln's Birthday, one student was heard to say, "Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves, not students and teachers!"

Miss Miller was seen walking through the corridors all dressed in black. How come Miss Miller, was there a tea party?

I heard my name mentioned in Swanke's philosophy class the other day. It was said that I failed to notice the third finger left hand of Judy Kantz. Only goes to prove teachers are always one step ahead of everyone else in school.

Now that mid-term exams are coming up students are feeling sort of down and out, but not Bob Trgoth. It doesn't seem to disturb him. He still has confidence in himself. Isn't that right "Mr. Wonder-ful"?

Last semester Fr. Smolar's room was the most popular place in school. However, now the art room is tops. Seems like everyone had a hand in painting posters for the Fine Arts Club's Cultural Events Series.

This isn't a form of petition, but the general hope of Mr. Fattore seems to be that he will return to the essay type of testing. How about Mr. Fattore will you?

George Close seems to have had some trouble Sat. night in a telephone booth. What happened George? If everyone pesters him, maybe we'll find out.

All those who saw the 'One Act Play Festival' are hoping Mr. Brinley will have another role in 'Blythe Spirit', which is coming. By the way, the staff of SHAVINGS is hoping to hear something about the play from their publicity chairman.

Boy! I could see how the Future Teacher Bake Sale was killing the club's president, Ida Wendell. I hear Ida went on a diet two days before, and all those goodies were just too much.

There aren't very many "non-twisters" left at the Center! Larry Love and Dale Wagner were the latest to throw their hips out of place.

I hear that during Lent, pros are going to abstain from tests. That will work out fine, cause students are abstaining from study.

See you at the retreat!

Seymour

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mr. George Smolar, whose wife had a son Saturday, Feb. 17.



THE FUTURE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION held a bake sale Feb. 14 and 16. The money is being used to sponsor a "Mardi Gras" dance. Other sponsors of "Mardi Gras" are Commerce Club and Bowling Club.

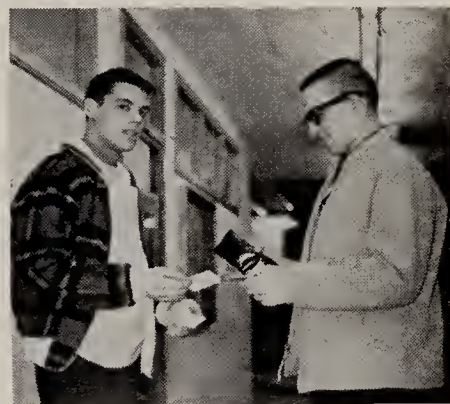
Student Engaged

Judith Kantz, sophomore at Saint Joseph's College Calumet Center, became engaged to John Schupanitz on Dec. 30, 1961.

Graduated from Hammond High School in 1960 Judy entered Saint Joe's and is presently majoring in education.

John Schupanitz a graduate of New Hampton High School in Iowa, is in the Armed Forces and stationed at Fort Benning in Georgia.

Wedding plans for the couple are set for July 1963.



SENIOR TOM EMRO, left, has persuaded freshman Bruce Companik, right, to purchase "Mardi Gras" tickets. What is your secret, Tom?

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Student Spotlight

Tom Cardis, a sophomore majoring in accounting, is active in many Calumet Center organizations.

Besides performing his duties as treasurer of the student council, he manages to occupy his spare time with other school activities and his favorite sports, weight lifting and tennis. He also enjoys hunting and fishing. After graduating from the Center, Tom wants to attend law school and to apply his degrees in business rather than in practicing law.



Tom Cardis

He has been president of the Weight Lifting Club and is treasurer of the Bowling League. Tom has been photographer for SHAVINGS since the paper began using pictures last fall. He is also a member of the Commerce Club. His skill in lighting has been evidenced in many Calumet Center plays and in the Marion Theatre Guild.

As treasurer of the student council, Tom is in favor of the plan to hold an open end discussion. He thinks it will help students become acquainted with their instructors outside class and spark interest in scholastic problems. Commenting on this, he said, "Whether it is a success or failure is up to the students, for the backbone of the school is the spirit of the students."

Born in Indianapolis, Tom has lived in the Calumet Area for about three years. He now lives in Hammond and is a 1960 graduate of Bishop Noll. Though not sure where he wants to attend school after graduation from the Center, he did mention Loyola University as a possibility. Besides his scholastic ambitions, one of Tom's greatest desires is to visit Ireland.

Editorial

Just recently, one of our students, Miss Betty Burch, received a letter from a seminarian in the Philippines. It reads:

Dear Betty Ann Burch,

Kindly accept first of all, my sincere regards and best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

By way of introduction, I am Claro L. Tocyp of San Carlos Seminary, Makati, Rizal, Philippines. I am a major seminarian. This is my fifth year in the seminary. After six years more to go, if God is willing, I will be a priest forever.

You know, I was able to enter the seminary because a kind missionary priest helped me before. Now he can not anymore afford to finance my studies for the holy priesthood. At present, I am entirely dependent upon my generous Bishop but he can not provide all my necessities in the seminary. So I would be very glad if you could help me find some generous people in the States to finance my studies for the priesthood.

I am writing you this letter because I trust you can help a poor seminarian like me. How pleasing will you be before Our Lord if on account of your generosity, I will find my way towards the priesthood and be another Christ. Great will be your reward if through your instrumentality I will be able to reach the altar of God. My eager and whole hearted desire to be a priest will be realized through your unflinching financial support. I will then pray for you and your loved ones, now and always.

Claro L. Tocyp

As you can see, this is a letter appealing for financial assistance. But for what better purpose could the money be put to use? In a subsequent letter, Claro wrote that he has tried to find summer employment, but that work in the Philippines is very scarce.

Claro needs the money to continue his studies for the priesthood, and there could be no better cause.

Center Student Formerly of Iraq

A twenty year-old student fled from his native Iraq because political revolution in 1958 has enrolled at Saint Joseph's College Calumet Center, with hopes of earning a degree in economics and the chance to return to his homeland.

George Nissan, of 655 State Street, Hammond, wants to use the knowledge he gains at Saint Joseph's to help his people realize a fair return on the country's abundant oil fields.

A native of Bagdad, where he completed schooling in his homeland, Nissan qualified for entrance to Saint Joe's after completing courses at Hammond Tech and Hammond High School from which he graduated in 1961.

Employed at a Marathon Gasoline Station young Nissan is experiencing a much more difficult road through college than are his friends and college counterparts in his native Bagdad.

"Students are generally well subsidized in Iraq and a college education is free to those who qualify," Nissan explained.

The son of a government employee, Nissan attended private school before taking employment with the American embassy. He left his job hurriedly, however, in 1958 and through a Hammond family eventually came to the United States after a year of "wandering" through much of Europe and the Mid-East. His sponsors are Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Powers, 7618 Montana Ave., Hammond, whom he met while they represented an oil company in Bagdad.

Although his father died in 1958, his mother and two sisters are still living in Bagdad.

The Saint Joseph's College Calumet Center freshman doesn't like to talk about his "year on the road" after fleeing from Bagdad and before arriving in the Calumet Region in Nov. 1959.

"I did spend Easter in the Land" Nissan acknowledges.

This, in itself, is a startling revelation on this young man, who though a native of the land, was among 1/2 per cent natives who follow Catholic faith. Only one per cent of the inhabitants are Christian.

The victim of one political revolution, Nissan awaits the time when a "return to power" will enable him to return to Bagdad. And he hopes to do that in order that he might help his countrymen.

"I would like to have the opportunity learn why the people have benefited more fully from the great oil wealth of Iraq and I hope through my studies in economics here at Saint Joseph's that I will find some way to bring such matters before the people," Nissan asserts.

Nissan speaks excellent English (he studied it throughout his years in grade school and high school) through his association with Americans in Bagdad has had no difficulty adjusting to American ways. Even so, he has found life to be much different from his native land.

For instance, it is extremely unusual for teenagers to have automobiles in Iraq and only those of the wealthiest families have the opportunity to acquire their dates in a family auto. Both native and modern dancing are popular with Bagdad teens, who also like soccer. Soccer and tennis are among the most popular sports.

"Schools were much more strict and we had much more homework in my country," Nissan will explain out of ear shot of his Saint Joseph's College instructors.

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WITH THE COMING OF MID-TERM EXAMS next week, the student lounges will probably be vacated very shortly. Shown taking a break are Wally Keilman, Harry Bigda, and Frank Krane, from left to right, with Phil Seroczynski and Kathy Shatkowski in the background.